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Kindergarten Teacher Questionnaire







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Dear Jeacher:

Your school district is participating in an important U.S. Department of Education study called the Pre-Elementary Education Longitudinal Study (PEELS). The child named on the label is one of more than 3,000 children nationwide who are taking part in PEELS.

The study will follow the children as they move through kindergarten and into the early elementary school years. This questionnaire is the only source of information about the kindergarten programs and experiences for this child. Because of this, your opinions are vitally important.

Please complete this questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope within 3 weeks. Answer all questions to the best of your knowledge and use your best guess when answering questions for which you are not quite sure of the answer. However, try as best you can to avoid responses that represent complete guesses. If necessary, please consult with colleagues in answering questions. Be assured that your answers will be confidential, and no information will be reported that identifies you, this child, or this school. We have enclosed \$10 as a token of our appreciation.

Before beginning this questionnaire, you may want to gather the following information so that you will be able to complete the questionnaire more quickly:

- The school file for the child whose name is on the label, including, if applicable, the most recent Individualized Education Program (IEP);
- Attendance records for this child during October of this school year; and
- Child's previous school records.

If you have any questions about the study or the questionnaire, please feel free to call the PEELS toll-free hot line at 1-888-534-8348, send an email to *questions@peels.org*, or visit the PEELS web site at *www.peels.org*.

Thank you so much for your contribution to this very important study.

Sincerely

Elaine Carlson Project Director, PEELS Call the PEELS toll-free hot line: 1-888-534-8348

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Who should complete this questionnaire?

This questionnaire should be completed by the **teacher or service provider** who **knows the child whose name appears on the label above** and can describe the kindergarten program or special education and related services for this child.

 Can you tell us about the child whose name appears on the label? Yes No
 Can you tell us about this child's kindergarten program? Yes No
 Can you tell us about special services this child receives (e.g., speech therapy)? Yes No
If you answered NO to ALL three questions: DO NOT COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. PLEASE PASS THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON TO THE PERSON WHO IS BEST ABLE TO DESCRIBE THIS CHILD'S KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM OR SPECIAL SERVICES. If you answered YES to ANY of the three questions:
PLEASE PROCEED TO SECTION A →

notes:

- If the child does not attend a kindergarten class but receives services, interpret references to the child's class to mean the service setting.
- Any question referring to IEPs (Individualized Education Programs for a child with a disability) is meant to refer also to IFSPs (Individualized Family Service Plans for a child with a disability) in states using the latter for children ages 3 through 5.

Section A:

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AND CHILD PROGRESS

IINDER: "This child" refers to the child whose name appe	ars on the label.		
What is the current grade level placement of the Nindergarten Ungraded Other (Specify:)	is child? PLEASE	€ √ CH	IECK ONE .
**	ER MINUTES OR		S PER WEEK.
		OR	Number of hours /week
a. Regular education classroom			
b. Special education setting			
c. Therapy/special service setting (office, small room, etc.)			
d. Setting outside of the classroom for other remediation or assistance (e.g. Title I, English as a second language [ESL])			
e. Home instruction			
Which of the settings below is considered to be PLEASE ✓ CHECK ONE. O1 ○ Regular education classroom O2 ○ Special education setting O3 ○ Home O4 ○ Other (Specify:	this child's ma	in edu	cation setting?
	What is the current grade level placement of the Continuous Cont	1 ○ Kindergarten 2 ○ Ungraded 3 ○ Other (Specify:	What is the current grade level placement of this child? PLEASE ✓ CHION CHAPTER MINUTES OR HOURS Approximately how much school time per week does this child current the following settings? PLEASE INDICATE EITHER MINUTES OR HOURS Number of minutes/week OR a. Regular education classroom b. Special education setting c. Therapy/special service setting (office, small room, etc.) d. Setting outside of the classroom for other remediation or assistance (e.g. Title I, English as a second language [ESL]) e. Home instruction Which of the settings below is considered to be this child's main edu PLEASE ✓ CHECK ONE. OI ○ Regular education classroom O2 ○ Special education setting O3 ○ Home

A4.	In what capacity (or capacities) are you involved with this child? PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.
	o1 O a. Provide instruction directly to this child
	02 O b. Provide related services directly to this child
	os O c. Provide consultation to this child's teacher(s)
	04 O d. Provide case management (e.g., program monitoring) for this child
	os O e. Program administrator/supervisor
	of O f. Supervise instructional assistant assigned to work with this child
	of O g. Other (Specify:)
A5.	What is your main role in this school? PLEASE \checkmark CHECK ONE .
	1 O Regular education classroom teacher
	2 O Special education teacher
	Related service provider (Specify:)
	4 Other (Specify:)
A6.	How many years have you been teaching or working in your current professional capacity?
	Number of years
A7.	What are the total numbers of children with IEPs and without IEPs enrolled in this child's main class? PLEASE ENTER ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE. IF THE CHILD IS ENROLLED IN MORE THAN ONE CLASS, PLEASE RESPOND FOR THE CLASS IN WHICH THE CHILD SPENDS THE MOST TIME.
	Number of children with IEPs in child's class
	Number of children without IEPs in child's class If "0," go to Question A9
A8.	Among the children without IEPs in this child's main classroom, how many are currently under formal review for special education services? PLEASE ENTER ONE NUMBER.
	Number of children under formal review

9.	Approximately how many TOTAL hours per week does this child spend in your classroom or instructional setting?				
	Number of hours per week				
10.	How many of the following people are usually in the room during this child's time in your classroom? PLEASE ENTER ONE NUMBER ON EACH LINE. ENTER "0" IF NONE.	the majority of			
		Number of people			
	a. Kindergarten teachers (not special education)				
	b. Special education teachers				
	c. One-to-one assistants or aides assigned to this child				
	d. One-to-one assistants or aides assigned to any other child in this child's class				
	e. Kindergarten aides				
	f. Special education aides				
	g. Other specialists or therapists				
	h. Nurse or other medical personnel				
	i. Adult volunteers				
	j. Other				

A11. Does this child	participate in	the following? PLEASE	CHECK ONE IN EACH ROW.
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	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Program for gifted and talented students	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
b. Title I	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
c. Bilingual education or instruction for English language learners (ELL) (e.g., ESL or limited English proficient [LEP])	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
d. Program for children with behavioral or emotional problems	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
e. Free/reduced-price lunch program	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾

A12. Which of th	e following best	describes the	curriculum	materials	for this	child?
PLEASE J C	HECK ONE.					

- Regular education grade-level curriculum materials are used without modification
- 2 O Some modifications in regular education curriculum materials have been made
- 3 O Substantial modifications in regular curriculum materials have been made
- 4 O Specialized curriculum or materials are used

A13. What percentage of the day does this child spend in the following activities? THE PERCENTAGES YOU PROVIDE SHOULD TOTAL 100%. PLEASE EXCLUDE TIME FOR LUNCH AND RECESS IN CALCULATING PERCENTAGES.

a. Instructional or therapy services outside the classroom	%
b. Adult-directed whole class activities	%
c. Adult-directed small group activities	%
d. Adult-directed individual activities	%
e. Child-selected activities	%
f. Other (Specify:)	%

A14. Which of the following teaching practices and methods are used with this child on a regular basis? PLEASE CHECK ONE IN EACH ROW.

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. One-on-one instruction	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
b. Small-group instruction	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
c. Large-group instruction	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
d. Cooperative learning	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
e. Peer tutoring	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
f. Computer-based instruction	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
g. Direct instruction	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
h. Cognitive strategies	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
i. Self-management	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
j. Behavior management	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
k. Discrete trial training	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾

A15. What kinds of activities and materials are routinely available to this child in your classroom or program? PLEASE

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

	Activity code
a. Arts and crafts projects and materials, clay, or playdough	01 🔾
b. Blocks, Legos, K'nex, other building toys	02 🔾
c. Sand and water play	03 🔾
d. Playhouse, toy kitchen, dishes, plastic food	04 🔾
e. Dress-up, costumes, puppets, theater props	05 🔾
f. Children's books and magazines	06 🔾
g. Sensory table (e.g., cornmeal, beans, and other tactile materials)	07 🔾

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	Activity code
h. Paper, coloring books, crayons, pencils, pens	08 🔾
i. Playground equipment (e.g., climbing structure, swings, trikes or bikes, digging tools)	09 🔾
j. Balls (of various sizes), Nerf-style toys, sports equipment	10 🔾
k. Computer and software	11 🔾
1. Video games	12 🔾
m. Board games	13 🔾
n. Toys: vehicles and work machines (e.g., cars, trains, trucks, backhoe loaders)	14 🔾
o. Toys: tools (e.g., hammer, stethoscope, cash register, cell phone)	15 🔾
p. Dolls and stuffed animals	16 🔾
q. Commercial toys (e.g., action figures, Barbie)	17 🔾
r. Commercial educational toys (e.g., light-bright, puzzles, sorting cups, bead stringing)	18 🔾
s. Musical instruments	19 🔾
t. Tape or CD player with tapes and CDs	20 🔵
u. Nap/rest time	21 🔾
v. Breakfast	22 🔾
w. Lunch/snack	23 🔵
x. Hot lunch	24 🔾
y. Commercial television/videotapes	25 🔾
z. Educational television/videotapes	26 🔾
aa. Flashcards	27 🔾
bb.Counting and number materials	28 🔾
cc. Alphabet and language materials	29 🔵

	A	Activity code f	rom list
a.	Most frequent activity		
b.	Second most frequent activity		
c.	Third most frequent activity		
ph	ne following are statements commonly associated with va nilosophies. Which three statements best describe your ap th this child?		
•	Write the number 1 next to the most important approach Write the number 2 next to the second most important of Write the number 3 next to the third most important approach	approach.	
			Rank 1, 2, 3 Use each num only once.
a.	We assume that children learn naturally when they are domentally ready. The interest of the child and age appropriof skills are emphasized in determining program content.	iateness	
b.	We believe that teaching children the knowledge and skil to succeed in school is critical. Structured learning experie academic content areas are a central part of the program.		
c.	We emphasize principles of behavior modification and priteaching. Target behaviors are specified and skills are sequand taught using strategies such as modeling, prompting, and reinforcing of successive approximation.	ienced	
d.	We combine developmental theory with a behavioral mod- target behaviors and use behavioral strategies when approp		7
e.	We emphasize the way individual children and parents/gi influence each other's behavior. Interventions target prim parent/guardian, who is taught to interpret the child's bel and respond appropriately.	arily the	
f.	We focus on a child's medical diagnosis and concentrate of therapeutic interventions.	on	
	We recognize that the child is a member of a family syste.	m and hasa	

A1 8		ll, how would you rate this child's academic skills compared to typical childre
	~	same grade level? PLEASE CHECK ONE.
	1 🔾	Far below average
	2 🔾	0
	\sim	Average
		Above average
	5 🔾	Far above average
A 10) Desmin	a play time a heavy do so this shill company with other shill as in the class in
A1 :		g play time, how does this child compare with other children in the class in of physical activity? PLEASE CHECK ONE.
	1 ()	
	2 ()	A little less active than most
	_	About the same as most
	\sim	A little more active than most
	5 🔾	A lot more active than most
42 (_	pared to his/her classmates, how many friends does this child have in classroom? PLEASE CHECK ONE. Far fewer than most
	~	Fewer than most
	~	As many as most
	\sim	More than most
	5 🔾	Far more than most
42 1		ll, how appropriate do you think this child's placement is in your classroom? E ✓ CHECK ONE. Very appropriate Somewhat appropriate Not very appropriate Not at all appropriate
	8 🔾	Don't know

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN BEHAVIOR SCALES

Please rate the child on each of the items on A22 and A23. Ratings should be based on your observations of this child's behavior **during the past 3 months**. The rating points after each item appear in the following format:

0 = Never Child does not exhibit a specified behavior, or you have not had

an opportunity to observe it.

1 = Rarely Child exhibits a specified behavior or characteristic but only very

infrequently.

2 = **Sometimes** Child occasionally exhibits a specified behavior or characteristic.

3 = Often Child frequently exhibits a specified behavior or characteristic.

A22. Social Skills Scale

PLEASE J CHECK ONE IN EACH ROW.

Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
0 O 0 O 0 O	1 O 1 O 1 O	2 0 2 0 2 0	3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O
0 🔾	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔵
	1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O	2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O	3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O
0 0	1 0	2 0	3 🔾
0 0	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔵
0 0	1 0	2 🔾	3 🔾
0 0	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔵
0 0	1 0	2)	3)
0 0	1 0	2)	3 🔾

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Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
0 🔾	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾
0 0	1 0	2 0	3)
0 0	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔵
0 🔾	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾
0 🔾	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾
0 🔾	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾
0 🔾	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾
0 0	10	2 🔾	3 🔾
0)	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾
0 0	1 0	2 0	3 🔾
0 0	1 0	2 🔾	3 🔾
0 🔾	1 🔾	2	3 🔾

A23. Problem Behavior Scale PLEASE CHECK ONE IN EACH ROW.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
		1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O	2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O	3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O
		1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O	2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0	3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O
		1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O	2 O 2 O 2 O	3 O 3 O 3 O
on task	0 🔾	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔵

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Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
	1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O	2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O	3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O
	1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O	2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O	3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O
	1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O	2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O	3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O
		2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O	3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O
	1 O 1 O 1 O 1 O	2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O 2 O	3 O 3 O 3 O 3 O
0 0	1 0	2 0	3 🔾

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GROSS AND FINE MOTOR SKILLS

The Vineland Motor Skills checklist is divided into two domains: (1) gross motor and (2) fine motor. After reading the item, decide whether or not you have actually observed situations in which the child performed the activity. If you have observed the child in the situation, then select a rating from one of the *OBSERVED* performance columns. If you haven't, or if you are unsure, then select a rating from one of the *ESTIMATED* performance columns. Please note that there is no penalty for selecting the *Estimated* performance columns over the *Observed* performance columns.

Select a rating that best describes what you have observed or estimate the child does. Be careful not to make a rating based on what you think the child can or could do if given the opportunity.

Items with multiple activities (e.g., screws and unscrews jar lids; marks with pencil, crayon, or chalk) require special attention. Items with AND require that both activities be performed by the child. Items with OR require only one of the activities be performed by the child.

Check USUALLY if the child satisfactorily and habitually performs the activity.

Check *SOMETIMES OR PARTIALLY* if the activity is in an emergent or transitional state, if the activity is only sometimes performed with complete success, or if only part of the activity is performed with complete success.

Check *NEVER* if the child does not or seldom performs the activity, or if limiting circumstances (e.g., physical limitation or sensory impairment) prevent the performance of the activity.

Please be sure to check one circle in each row. Leaving a row blank will invalidate the child's score.

A24. Gross Motor PLEASE **JONE** IN EACH ROW.

1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾

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		Observed		Estimated			
THIS CHILD	Usually	Sometimes or partially	Never	Usually	Sometimes or partially	Never	
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾	
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾	
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾	
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾	
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾	
	1 🔾	2)	3 🔵	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾	
	1 🔾		3 🔾	4 🔾		6 🔾	
	1 🔾		3	4 🔾		6 🔾	
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾	
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾	
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾	
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾	

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A25. Fine Motor PLEASE **ONE** IN EACH ROW.

	Observed				Estimated	
THIS CHILD	Usually	Sometimes or partially	Never	Usually	Sometimes or partially	Never
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔵	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
	1 🔾		3 🔵	4 🔾		6 🔾
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔵	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔵	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	6 🔾
		2 🔾				6 🔾
Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales Classroom Edition Question		2 🔾				6 🔾

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ACADEMIC RATING SCALE

Directions: The Academic Rating Scale is separated into two areas: (1) language and literacy and (2) mathematical thinking. You are asked to rate this child's skills, knowledge, and behaviors within each of these areas based on your experience with this child. This is NOT a test and should not be administered directly to the child. Each question includes examples that are meant to help you think of the range of situations in which the child may demonstrate similar skills and behaviors. The examples do not exhaust all the ways that a child may demonstrate what he/she knows or can do.

The following **five-point** scale is used for each of the questions. It reflects the degree to which a child has acquired/chooses to demonstrate the targeted skills, knowledge, and behaviors.

1	=	Not yet	Child has <i>not yet</i> demonstrated skill, knowledge, or behavior
2	=	Beginning	Child is <i>just beginning</i> to demonstrate skill, knowledge, or behavior and may do so very inconsistently.
3	=	In progress	Child demonstrates skill, knowledge, or behavior <i>with some regularity</i> but varies in level of competence.
4	=	Intermediate	Child demonstrates skill, knowledge, or behavior <i>with increasing regularity and average competence</i> but is not completely proficient.
5	=	Proficient	Child demonstrates skill, knowledge, or behavior competently and consistently.
N/A	. =	Not applicable	Skill, knowledge, or behavior has <i>not been introduced</i> in classroom setting.

Rate only the child's **current** achievement or motivation. Rate this child compared to other children of the same age level. If the skill, knowledge, or behavior has been introduced in the classroom, please rate the child using the numbers **1 through 5**. Check "NA" only if the skill, knowledge, or behavior has not been introduced in your classroom setting.

Children with limited English proficiency (LEP) (e.g., ESL, ELL): Please answer the questions based on your knowledge of this child's skills. If the child does not yet demonstrate skills in English but does demonstrate them in his/her native language, please answer the questions with the child's native language in mind.

Children with special needs: It may be necessary to consider adaptations for some questions to make them more inclusive for this child's skills/use of adaptive equipment. Some children may utilize alternative forms of verbal communication (e.g., sign language, communication boards) or written communication (e.g., word processors, Braille, dictation). Please answer the questions with these adaptations in mind.

A26. Language and literacy PLEASE CHECK ONE IN EACH ROW.

TH	IIS CHILD	Not yet	Beginning	In progress	Inter- mediate	Proficient	Not applicable
a.	Uses complex sentence structures (e.g., says "If she had brought her umbrella, she wouldn't have gotten wet," or "Yesterday it was raining cats and dogs," or "Why can't we go on the field trip at the same time as the first grade?").	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
b.	Understands and interprets a story or other text read to him/ her (e.g., retelling a story just read to the group, or telling about why a story ended as it did, or connecting part of the story to his/her own life).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
c.	Easily and quickly names all upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet.	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
d.	Produces rhyming words (e.g., says a word that rhymes with "chip," "shop," drink," or "light").	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
e.	Reads simple books independently (e.g., reads books with a repetitive language pattern).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
f.	Uses different strategies to read unfamiliar words (e.g., examines cues from pictures or context, or uses consonant sounds to read words, or uses prior knowledge in order to make predictions).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
g.	Composes simple stories (e.g., by writing about a personal experience in a journal).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
h.	Demonstrates an understanding of some of the conventions of print (e.g., by using both upperand lowercase letters when writing, or putting spaces between words, or using a period at the end of a sentence).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
i.	Uses the computer for a variety of purposes (e.g., by drawing a picture, or counting objects, or typing numbers, letters, or words).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾



A27. Mathematical thinking PLEASE ✓ CHECK ONE IN EACH ROW.

TH	HIS CHILD	Not yet	Beginning	In progress	Inter- mediate	Proficient	Not applicable
a.	Sorts, classifies, and compares math materials by various rules and attributes (e.g., creating a rule for sorting keys, such as "keys with numbers" in one pile and "keys without numbers" in another pile, or sorting shapes by several attributes such as "large plastic shapes" and "small wooden shapes").	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
b.	Orders a group of objects (e.g., by ordering rods or sticks by length, or arranging paints from lightest to darkest, or musical instruments from softest to loudest).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
c.	Shows an understanding of the relationship between quantities (e.g., knowing that a group of 10 small stones is the same quantity as a group of 10 larger blocks).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
d.	Solves problems involving numbers using concrete objects (e.g., "Vera has six blocks, George has three, how many blocks are there in all?" or "How many do I need to give George so he will have the same number of blocks as Vera?").	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
e.	Demonstrates an understanding of graphing activities (e.g., by looking at a picture graph on favorite ice-cream flavors and knowing which flavor is the most popular and which one is the best).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
f.	Uses instruments accurately for measuring (e.g., by using a balance scale to compare the weight of two objects, or using tablespoons and teaspoons during a cooking project, or using a measuring tape to measure the length of different objects).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾
g.	Uses a variety of strategies to solve math problems (e.g., using manipulative materials, looking for a pattern, or acting out a problem).	1 🔾	2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔾	0 🔾

	hich of the following methods do you commonly use to assess how well this child
is (doing in your class? PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.
01	a. Impressions based on experience with child and written notes about specific events
02	b. Direct observation with general anecdotal notes
03	O c. Direct observation with checklist of skills
04	O d. Direct assessment or testing
05	O e. Video/audio recording
06	Of. Portfolios of children's work samples
07	O g. Other (Specify:)
08	h. Child progress is not formally monitored
98	i. Not sure
∆29 ∩t	her than at IEP meetings, how do you and other staff come together to discuss and
	an progress and programs for the children with IEPs in your class?
	EASE J CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.
01	a. Staff communicate on an as-needed basis.
02	O b. We hold regular weekly meetings.
03	O c. We hold regular biweekly meetings.
04	d. We hold regular monthly meetings.
05	e. We provide release time or change program hours so that both special education and regular education teachers can attend regularly.
06	f. We hold common inservice meetings and training sessions for regular education and special education staff.
07	O g. Other (Specify:)

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30		o you communicate with the parents or guardians of this child? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.
	_	a. I give parents regular written progress reports.
	\sim	b. I regularly give parents report cards for this child.
		c. I call them on the phone, send email, or send notes home.
		d. I speak with parents before or after school when this child is being dropped off or picked up.
	05 🔾	e. We have regularly scheduled parent-teacher meetings.
	06)	f. We share a daily or weekly journal for this child.
	07 🔾	g. There is a regular system for communicating with parents (e.g., newsletter or phone tree).
	08 🔾	h. Parents have access to the school's web site with information specifically for parents.
.31	guardi exclud 1 O 2 O 3 O	g this school year, approximately how often have you and this child's parents or ans communicated (by phone, in person, or in writing) about his/her progress, ing routine progress reports or report cards? PLEASE CHECK ONE. At least once a week A few times a month About once a month Less than once a month Never
32		nvolved is this child's parent or guardian in his/her school experiences nonitoring homework or child's progress in school)? PLEASE CHECK ONE.
	1 🔾	Not at all involved
	2 🔾	Not very involved
	3 🔾	Fairly involved
	4 🔾	Very involved
	8 🔾	Don't know

A33.	`	g October of this so E ENTER THE NUME		many	days was this child absent?
	Numb	er of days absent			
A34 .	PLEASE	nany of these were E ENTER THE NUME er of unexcused ab	BER OF DAYS.	ences?	
A35.	receivi 1 O 2 O	ng services 1 year Exact same school	ago? PLEASE l and class as no lifferent kinders now where child same school	CHECK ow garten	nood or kindergarten program, or ONE. Go to Question A40 tinue with Question A36
A36.	or prog	at extent were you gram? PLEASE	HECK ONE .	J	this child's transition into your class done

A37. Which of the following strategies were used **before** the child started in your program in order to support this child's transition **into** your school, program, or classroom? PLEASE

CHECK ONE IN EACH ROW.

		Yes	No	Don't know	Not applicable
a.	We received the child's previous records.	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 🔾
b.	The sending program provided information about this child.	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 0
c.	Someone from your program provided parents with written information about your program.	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 0
d.	Someone from your program called the child's parents.	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 0
e.	The parents or guardians of this child were encouraged to meet the staff before the child entered the school or program.	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 🔾
f.	This child and family visited your classroom or school.	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 0
g.	Someone from your program visited the child's home.	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 0
h.	Someone from your program visited the child's previous setting.	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 0
i.	Someone from your program met with staff of the sending program specifically about this child.	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 🔾
j.	Someone from your program participated in IEP development for this child.	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 0
k.	Your staff developed preparatory strategies specifically for this child (e.g., behavior plans, school scheduling modifications, etc.).	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 🔾
1.	Other (Specify:)	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾	0 0

	adequate were the planning and support that were provided to this
	l and his/her family during the transition into your class or program?
_	SE CHECK ONE.
~	Extremely adequate
2	Somewhat adequate
3	Not very adequate
4	Transition planning and support were not needed for this child or family
8	•
	easy was it for this child to make the transition into your class or program? SE \checkmark CHECK ONE.
~	· · ·
~	Very easy
~	Somewhat easy
_	Somewhat difficult
4 🔾	Very difficult
PLEA	this child have an IEP or IFSP during the year prior to this school year? SE CHECK ONE. Yes Continue with Question A41 No Don't know Go to Question A43
	That extent did you communicate with the person(s) who provided early shood special education for this child last year? PLEASE CHECK ONE.
1 🔾	Not at all
2 🔾	Somewhat
3 🔾	Extensively
or o	you review this child's records related to early intervention, special education, ther special services before this child enrolled in your school or program? SE CHECK ONE. Yes, in detail.
2 🔾	Yes, briefly.
3	No, I don't have access to the records.
4	No, I have access to the records, but have not reviewed them.

43	disabil	this child currently have either an IEP or a 504 plan for children with ities? PLEASE CHECK ONE.
	1)	Yes, this child has an IEP for special education services. Continue with Question A44
	\sim	Yes, this child has a 504 plan. → Go to Question A45
	3 O	No, this child does not have an IEP or 504 plan. Go to Question A50
	8 🔾	Don't know. → Go to Question A45
44	classro	are this child's IEP goals and objectives addressed in the regular education from? PLEASE CHECK THE ONE THAT BEST DESCRIBES HOW GOALS AND STIVES ARE ADDRESSED.
	\sim	Not applicable—the child is not in a regular education classroom.
	02)	Not applicable—this child's IEP goals are not addressed in the regular education classroom; they are addressed elsewhere.
	03 🔾	The special education teacher or aide works individually with the child on special tasks.
	04)	The regular education teacher or aide works individually with the child on special tasks.
	~	Related services personnel work individually with the child on special tasks.
		Related services personnel work with the child in group activities.
	07 🔾	The goals and objectives are embedded in common classroom activities.
45		would you characterize the way children with and without disabilities are ht together in this child's class or program? PLEASE CHECK ONE.
	00 🔾	Not applicable—we do not currently have children without disabilities enrolled in this class or program.
	01 🔾	Children with and without disabilities are not in contact with one another.
	02)	Classes for children with and without disabilities share common space only (e.g., playground/lunch room).
	03 🔾	Children without disabilities spend part of the day in the classroom for children with disabilities.
	04 🔾	Children with disabilities spend part of the day in a classroom for children without disabilities.
	05 🔾	Children with disabilities spend the entire day in a classroom for children primarily without disabilities.
	06 🔾	Other (Specify:)
	08 0	Not sure; don't know.

A46.		ll, how adequate are the supports that are provided to the	is child because of
	his/he	er disabilities? PLEASE 🗸 CHECK ONE.	
	1 0	Very adequate	
	2)	Somewhat adequate	
	3	Not very adequate	
	4	Not at all adequate	
	8	Don't know	
	0	No support is needed	
A47.		your program support social interaction between this chil ut disabilities? PLEASE \(\int CHECK ONE .	ld and children
	1 🔾	Yes. Continue with Question A48	
	2 🔾	Not applicable—we do not currently have children without disabilities enrolled in this class or program.	
	3 🔾	Not applicable—this child does not have contact with children without disabilities during our program.	Go to Question A49
	4 🔾	Not applicable—no support is needed.	
	5 🔾	No.	
A48.	betwee	your program use any of the following methods to suppoen this child and children without disabilities? E CHECK ONE IN EACH ROW.	ort social interaction

	Yes	No
a. We present a specific disability awareness program during group times.	1 🔾	2 🔾
b. We assign children without disabilities to be "helpers" or "buddies" to this child.	1 🔾	2 🔾
c. We prompt and reinforce this child for initiating and maintaining interactions with children without disabilities.	1 🔾	2 🔾
d. We prompt and reinforce the children without disabilities for initiating and maintaining interactions with this child.	1 🔾	2 🔾
e. We structure play and task situations so that they require interaction between this child and children without disability	ties. 1)	2 🔾
f. Other (Specify:)	1 ()	2 🔾

	chis child because of his/her d Very adequate				
	Somewhat adequate				
	Not very adequate Not at all adequate				
	Don't know				
(No support is needed				
	To the best of your knowledge child will be in next year? PLE	_	~	el do you anticipate this	
		Kindergarten	First grade	Other	
ä	a. Same school as this year	1 🔾	2 🔾	(Specify:	
1	o. Different school next year	1 🔾	2 🔾	(Specify:	
(c. Don't know	1 🔾	2 🔾	(Specify:	
	Please write the name and address of the school (if known) if you expect this child will attend a different school next year. Name of new school:				
	School address:				
				for young children.	

Instructions for Section B of this Questionnaire:

- **1.** Section B of the questionnaire is to be completed **only** for children with IEPs or 504 plans. Does this child have an IEP or 504 plan?
 - YES, this child DOES have an IEP or 504 plan. Please continue with next question.
 - NO, this child does NOT have an IEP or 504 plan. Please go to page 37 of this questionnaire.
- **2.** Section B is to be completed by the teacher or specialist most familiar with the child's special education and related services. Can you describe this child's special services?
 - YES. Please continue with Section B on the next page.
 - NO. Please remove Section B and give it to the person who you feel could best answer questions about this child's special education or related services. Please provide this person's name and phone number below. When this person completes Section B, please have him or her return it directly to Westat using the self-mailer.

Name:		
Phone: ()	

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Date Completed://_ mm dd yy	Please provide your name and contact information below, so that we can reach you if we have questions.
Your Name:	
School/Program Name:	
Address:	
Phone: ()	
Email:	

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Pection B:

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND RELATED SERVICES



Pre-Elementary Education Longitudinal Study

Kindergarten Teacher Questionnaire

Dear Education Professional:

Your school district is participating in an important U.S. Department of Education study called the Pre-Elementary Education Longitudinal Study (PEELS). The child named on the label is one of more than 3,000 children nationwide who are taking part in PEELS. This questionnaire is the only source of information about this child's special education and related services. Because of this, your participation is vitally important.

Please complete Section B of this questionnaire and return it in the self-mailer within 3 weeks. To use the self-mailer, simply fold the questionnaire in half, affix the seal to secure it, and drop it in your mailbox. Be assured that your answers will be confidential, and no information will be reported that identifies you, this child, or this school.

In completing this questionnaire, you may need to refer to the child's most recent Individualized Education Program (IEP). If you have any questions about the study or the questionnaire, please feel free to call the PEELS toll-free hot line at 1-888-534-8348, send an email to *questions@peels.org*, or visit the PEELS web site at *www.peels.org*.

Thank you in advance for your contribution to this very important study.

Sincerely,

Flaine Carlson

Project Director, PEELS

Call the PEELS toll-free hot line: 1-888-534-8348

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Section B.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND RELATED SERVICES

REMINDER: "This child" refers to the child whose name appears on the label.

B1. What are this child's disabilities?

PLEASE J CHECK ALL THAT APPLY IN COLUMN A.

PLEASE J CHECK ONE PRIMARY DISABILITY IN COLUMN B.

	A All disability categories applicable to this child Check all that apply	B This child's primary disability category Check one
a. Autism	01 🔾	01 🔾
b. Deaf/blindness	02 🔾	02 🔾
c. Deafness	03 🔾	03 🔾
d. Developmental delay	04 🔾	04 🔾
e. Emotional disturbance/behavior disorder	05 🔾	05 🔾
f. Hearing impairment	06 🔾	06 🔾
g. Learning disability	07 🔾	07 🔾
h. Mild mental retardation	08 🔾	08 🔾
i. Moderate/severe mental retardation	09 🔾	09 🔾
j. Multiple disabilities	10 🔾	10 🔾
k. Orthopedic impairment	11 🔾	11 🔾
1. Other health impairment	12 🔾	12 🔾
m. Speech or language impairment	13 🔾	13 🔵
n. Traumatic brain injury	14 🔾	14 🔾
o. Visual impairment/blindness	15 🔾	15 🔾
p. Other (Specify:)	16 🔾	16 🔾
q. Not sure	98 🔾	98 🔾

B2.	Does this child use any medical devices that require school staff attention during any part of the school day? (Medical devices could include suctioning equipment, oxygen, catheters, etc. Do not include nonmedical devices such as communication devices, electronic equipment, etc.) PLEASE CHECK ONE. Yes No
ВЗ.	For this school year, what are the most important IEP goals for this child? PLEASE CHECK UP TO THREE. O1 O a. Not applicable—the child does not have an IEP. Go to Question B6 O2 O b. Improve overall school readiness O3 O c. Improve academic performance in a specific area: O4 O d. Improve social skills O5 O e. Improve appropriateness of general behavior O6 O f. Improve adaptive behavior or self-help skills O7 O g. Improve speech/communication skills O8 O h. Improve fine motor skills O9 O i. Improve gross motor skills O9 O i. Improve gross motor skills O6 O ther (Specify:
B4.	Which of the following best describes the amount of progress this child has made in this school year with regard to the goals specified in the IEP? PLEASE ✓ CHECK ONE. This child has made: 1

B5. Were any of the following services provided to this child through the school system during the current school year? (*Include services the school contracted from other agencies.*) PLEASE CHECK ONE IN EACH ROW.

		Yes	No	Don't know
a.	Adaptive physical education	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
b.	Assistive technology services/devices	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
c.	Audiology	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
d.	Augmentative or alternative communication system	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
e.	Behavior management program	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
f.	Health services (e.g., administering of medication, oxygen, tracheostomy care, tube feeding, catheterization)	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
g.	Instruction in American Sign Language	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
h.	Instruction in Manual English or Cued Speech	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
i.	Instruction in Braille	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
j.	Learning strategies/study skills assistance by a special educator	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
k.	Mental health services, personal/group counseling, therapy, or psychiatric care provided to this child	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
1.	Occupational therapy	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
m	One-to-one para-educator/assistant (e.g., teacher aide, nurse's aide, full-inclusion assistant, behavioral assistant)	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
n.	Physical therapy	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
о.	Reader or interpreter	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
p.	Service coordination/case management	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
q.	Social work services	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
r.	Special transportation because of disability (e.g., help in travel or special equipment such as lifts, ramps)	1 🔾	2)	8 🔾
s.	Specialized computer software or hardware	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
t.	Speech or language therapy	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
u.	Training, counseling, and other supports/ services provided to this child's family	1 🔾	2)	8 🔾
v.	Tutoring/remediation by a special education teacher	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
w.	Vision services	1 🔾	2 🔾	8 🔾
х.	Other (Specify:)	10	2 🔾	8 🔾

6.		nich of the following are provided to this child as part of his/her IEP or 504 plan?					
	PLEASE .	PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.					
	Accomm	Accommodations/modifications					
	01 O a.	Modified grading standards					
	_	. Slower-paced instruction					
	~	Additional time to complete assignments					
	~	. Modified assignments					
	05 O e.	Physical adaptations (e.g., preferential seating, special desks)					
	Learning	Learning aids					
	06 O f.	Books on tape					
	07 O g.	. Communication aids (e.g., Touch Talker, manual printing board)					
	_	. Use of spell checker					
	~	Computer software designed for children with disabilities					
	10) j.	Computer hardware adapted for child's unique needs					
	44 🔘 15	(e.g., alternative keyboards, switch interface)					
	11 O K	Other (Specify:)					
		To accommodations/modifications or learning aids provided NOT ANY of items a . through k ., above)					
		COMPLETED SECTION A, please go to back cover. ONE ELSE COMPLETED SECTION A, please continue with B7.					
7.		what capacity (or capacities) are you involved with this child? EASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.					
	01 O a.	Provide instruction directly to this child					
	02 O b	. Provide related services directly to this child					
	03 O c.	Provide consultation services to child's teacher(s)					
	04 O d	. Provide case management (e.g., program monitoring) for this child					
	05 O e.	Program administrator or supervisor					
	06 O f.	Supervise instructional assistant or paraeducator assigned to work with this child					
	07 O g.	. Other (Specify:)					

въ.	In the space provided, please print any suggestions or concerns you have regarding the provision of special education services for young children. (<i>Be assured that your</i>				
	answers will be confidential.)				

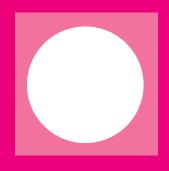
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